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Education

Admission into Government Muhammadan Training Schools for Mistresses.

* 530 Q.—Mr K. ABDUL HYE: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Muhammadan women who applied for admission into the Government Muhammadan Training Schools for Mistresses for the past three years;

(b) the number rejected, and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there are Government hostels attached to the Training Schools for Muhammadan Mistresses in the Presidency?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) A statement is laid on the table.[a]

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether he proposes to build a hostel for Muhammadan girls in Madras who come for training?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I stated that there are not enough girls to have a hostel for them."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know what the qualification is that he prescribes for the girls admitted for lower and higher elementary training?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The qualifications are mentioned in the Grant-in-Aid Code and the Educational rules of the Government."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Are the qualifications mentioned therein strictly followed?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"In the case of the Muhammadan and certain other communities who are educationally backward, the Director of Public Instruction has been authorized to relax the rules prescribing the qualification."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"If that is so, may I know why this power of relaxation was not exercised in the case of 20 applicants out of the 44 that applied?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Evidently they did not come up even to the minimum standard the Director had in mind."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether it is 'evidently' or, a matter of fact?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"'Evidently' imports 'matter of fact'."

Qualifications of examiners and assistant examiners for Madras Government Technical examinations.

* 531 Q.—Mr C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government will be pleased to give a list of the names and qualifications of the examiners and assistant examiners for Madras Government Technical examinations for the last five years;

[a] Vide Appendix V on page 136 infra.

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(*b*) whether there are, among these examiners and assistant examiners, persons who have not passed any examination in the subject or subjects for which they are examiners;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to give a list of such examiners and assistant examiners;

(*d*) on what basis they were offered examinerships and the reasons for doing so;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that some assistant examiners for Government Technical examinations, especially for Shorthand, do not possess even the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate qualifications; if there are such examiners, who are they and why they were offered examinerships;

(*f*) whether it is also a fact that for technical subjects like Typewriting and Commercial Geography persons who have not passed any Government or other examination in those subjects have been appointed as even chief examiners; and

(*g*) whether the same state of affairs exists with regard to other Government examinations; if not, why this departure is being observed in the case of Government Technical examinations?

A.—(*a*) The list of examiners and assistant examiners is treated as confidential and the Government are therefore unable to publish it.

(*b*) *to* (*g*) The passing of any particular examination is not a condition of a person being appointed as examiner or assistant examiner. The Commissioner for Government Examinations appoints only persons who possess the knowledge required and are competent to discharge the duties of an examiner or assistant examiner. The principle of fitness cannot suitably be made subordinate to the holding of certificates of having passed certain tests and the Commissioner consults, whenever necessary, the advisory boards consisting of representatives of the different departments and interests.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer to clauses (*b*) to (*g*) of this question, may I know what the tests are by which the Commissioner for Government Examinations judges of the competency of these persons to discharge the duties of examiners?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Director of Public Instruction takes into account the qualifications of these people and the experience of others who have no such qualifications to hold examinations and then appoints them."

Construction of the new building for the Government Victoria College, Palghat.

* 532 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what progress has been made in the construction of the new building for locating the Mathematics class in the Government Victoria College at Palghat for which provision has been made in the Public Works Department budget for 1927–28; and

(*b*) when the building is likely to be completed and ready for use?